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 Erik Berk, a native of Finland, yesterday declared his intention of becoming a citizen.
 County Clerk Clinton yesterday granted a marriage license to Gust Savola and Ann Smith, both of Clatsop county.
 The ladies of St. Mary's church will give a card party at the church hall, 241 avenue, near Fifteenth street, Tuesday evening.
 Mrs. Shelby Hamilton died Sunday in an attack of peritonitis. Mrs. Hamilton lived formerly in Denver and the body will be taken there for burial.
 The steamer Elmore is now equipped with a new propeller, and will depart tomorrow for Tillamook. The

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day morning caused a suspension of operations for the day. The main bell was burned and broke at 8 o'clock, after an hour's work. Repairs were made by 2, but the force enjoyed a holiday. The mill will resume work today.

Hiram Leinenweber is the possessor of a shining new cutter, just arrived from the east. Now all Mr. Leinenweber wants is snow, and for this he is devoutly hoping. The sleigh is an elegant one and will add much to the gaiety of its owner's life this winter—providing that it snows.

The work of getting out rock for the jetty will be conducted mostly at Mayer hereafter by the Northwest Construction Company. The company has contracted for the rock on the McLane place, and will begin operations there as soon as the proper derricks, etc., are in shape.

M. S. Copeland has disposed of his Bee Hive to a Montana concern and will move to Portland with his family at an early date, where he intends engaging in business. The Bee Hive began business on a very small scale, and its rapid growth to one of the biggest mercantile establishments in the city reads somewhat like a fairy tale.

Mr. Walter Reed and Miss Bella Kerachner were married Sunday evening at the home of J. C. Reed, Rev. L. J. Trumbull officiating. Mr. Reed has been in the city for the past few months and is a trusted employ of Ross, Higgins & Company. The couple will not take a wedding trip at this time.

A well dressed young man fell overboard at the foot of Fourteenth street Sunday night and was rescued, after some difficulty, by some deck hands. He was under the influence of strong drink when the mishap occurred, but was sober before his rescuers had finished their work. His name was not learned.

Dr. Alfred Kinney and Mrs. Kinney arrived home last night. They have been in the east and in southern California for the past three months. Their son, August, accompanied them and remained at Los Angeles, where he will night that C. R. Thomson was getting along nicely when they parted at Los Angeles, and the prospects for his early recovery are bright.

There was an installation of officers of the Warrenton Lodge, No. 52, A. O. U. W., Saturday evening. The new officers are: Master workman, S. S. Bergman; foreman, J. B. Kindred; overseer, H. Harrell; recorder, Asv. Sigurdson; v. financier, R. J. Abbott; guide, L. Loomis; inside guard, H. Glaze; medical examiner, Dr. J. R. Pilkington; trustees, Asv. Sigurdson, and S. Bergman.

It is told openly on the streets that The Morning Astorian is by far the best newspaper ever printed in Astoria. It is not plain to all how the management can afford to maintain the expensive and extensive telegraphic service it is now using, in addition to the unusually large amount of local news published. That the public is pleased with The Morning Astorian and that The Morning Astorian is a credit to the city is everywhere declared.

Application has been made to H. W. Stone, executive member of the state board of the Y. M. C. A., for permission to build an association building at Astoria. There is hardly any doubt but that the permission will be granted, and in event that it is, the building will be put up this year. The policy of the Y. M. C. A. is to allow only those towns rich enough to have the modern appliances and otherwise qualified to support an institution, enjoy the privilege of possessing one. Astoria has long been in need of an association building and at different times well organized effort has been put forth to get one. The proper showing, however, was not made heretofore, but those who are backing up the present request expect to win out. Formerly a Y. M. C. A. was had for the asking, no especial qualification being necessary, but that was before the institution had branched out to its present strength and importance. Along with Astoria's request are similar ones from Eugene, Pendleton and Baker City all of which will probably be granted.

Now that the council has arranged for the purchase of the E. A. Taylor property at Sixteenth, Exchange and Duane streets, the question arises as to what action will be taken. Purchase of the site is generally taken to mean that the council means to provide for a new city hall, but there is nothing certain about this, as several of the members have expressed themselves as in favor of the purchase as an investment. Those members were anxious to secure the site at the figure so that a city hall might be built there in the future. It is not likely that the council

will agree to the expenditure of \$7000 on the present structure, which must be practically rebuilt. Mayor Suprenant estimates its value to the city, standing on the site, at about \$5000. As will be seen from perusal of the mayor's message, much improvement will be necessary. It is understood another offer will soon be submitted for purchase of the site, although the names of the gentlemen who desire to buy it are withheld. It is regarded as unlikely that the improvement of the city hall will be considered for several months to come in order to allow the council ample time for sale of the property.

The Washington correspondent of the Portland Journal sends his paper the following interesting item: "Mrs. Fulton, wife of the new senator from Oregon, is delightfully located in the new apartment house 'The Highlands,' she and Senator Fulton having come early enough to get settled for the winter before the extra session began. Mrs. Fulton was formerly Miss Ada M. Hobson, of Astoria, Or., and was educated at St. Helen's Hall, Portland. She is cultivated in music and painting and very fond, like all western women, of outdoor sport. They have one son, Fred Fulton, at school in Pasadena, Cal.

In its lengthy battle with the rest of the world the Third ward won out yesterday, when the Franklin avenue improvement was ordered. Councilmen Wright, Nordstrom and Leinenweber worked hard for this improvement, and not only were compelled to fight the anti element in the downtown wards, but also were beset at home. The improvement is going to cost the city some money, because the property is not assessed greatly enough to stand the assessments. This condition aroused opposition to the measure, but the councilmen from the Third ward dug up the records and showed that downtown streets had also been costing the city. The improvement was badly needed, for without it the east end would be almost entirely shut off from the business section.

The county court will convene in regular session tomorrow, when the year's tax levy will be fixed, road supervisors and a road master appointed, road district boundaries established, contracts for printing and board of prisoners awarded and names of 200 circuit court jurors drawn. At the recent special session of the legislature a bill was introduced providing for the election of road supervisors, but it failed to become law. Notwithstanding the increase in the assessed valuation of Clatsop county property this year, there seems little chance for any material reduction in the total levy. The state tax will be greater than last year, the city tax larger and the school tax may be heavier. The only possible chance for a reduction is in the levy for general expenses. The session will be a busy one.

According to the Seaside Sentinel, Seaside has a very bright future. The Sentinel says: "The adoption of a new charter will be of material advantage to the town. Under it, the council has authority to issue \$10,000 in municipal bonds for the purpose of supplying the town and its inhabitants with water. Seaside needs a good water supply as a matter of health. It is impossible to provide a good sewer system without water for flushing purposes and this can only be done by adequate water supply. It needs water for fire protection, and the building of a water system will provide the best fire protection. Hydrants can be placed at the corner of every block in the business and residence portion of the town, and the pressure will be sufficient to extinguish any fire. The cost of building the system will not exceed \$10,000. A prominent contractor has the plans prepared and will submit them to the council." The amount spent during 1903 for new buildings was \$45,970.

Sunday's session of the Eagles was remarkable for the presentation to Worthy President Wise of perhaps the most elaborate token of friendship ever presented in this city. Mr. Wise is now serving his second term as president of the local aerie, and under his administration the affairs of the lodge have been booming. Scores of new members have joined the order, and at every session Mr. Wise has provided a program of entertainment and otherwise looked after the interests of the body. The appreciative Eagles, anxious to demonstrate their lasting feeling of obligation to their president, caused the token to be designed. It is a charm, with an emblem of the order, and handsomely set with diamonds and rubies. On one side is inscribed: "To Past Worthy President Herman Wise from Astoria Aerie, No. 17, F. O. E.," and on the other the initials, "F. O. E.," set in with diamonds and rubies. The presentation speech was made by Mr. Joseph Gribler, who referred feelingly to the lodge's appreciation of Mr. Wise's ef-

forts and commended the unselfish spirit in which he had sought to advance its interests and the interests of its members. The presentation was a complete surprise to its president, who was deeply affected with the evidences of esteem. His reply necessarily was a lame one, but fully conveyed to the members the gratitude of the recipient. Mr. Wise regards the charm as the most valuable article in his possession and proudly cherishes it as a priceless gift.

Captain R. Fulton, master of the British ship Ancaios, died at Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, at midnight from injuries received last Thursday afternoon. He was admitted to the hospital about 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and the examining physicians found that he was suffering from internal injuries. Being 70 years of age the doctors had no hope of his recovery. While boarding his vessel Captain Fulton fell from the gang-plank, striking on the ballast log between the hull of the vessel and the dock. He was picked up unconscious and removed to the hospital. No arrangements for the funeral have yet been made. At 6 o'clock Sunday Chas. Johnson, a sailor on the British ship East African, died at the Good Samaritan hospital. Three days ago Johnson in reaching for a rope lost his balance and fell into the water. Like Captain Fulton, he struck on a ballast log and his skull was fractured. Captain Fulton was born at Great Village, Nova Scotia, 65 years ago, and since young manhood had been following the sea. For more than 40 years he had been master of a sailing vessel, visiting on various occasions every important port in the world. He had been in command of the Ancaios from the day she was launched at Glasgow, 13 years ago.

PERSONAL MENTION.
 H. T. Findlay is down from Portland.
 Charles Palmberg returned last night from a Portland visit.
 Miss Lottie Bennett will return to her home in Portland today. She has

been the guest of Mrs. J. H. Smith for the past three days.
 George Hibbert, editor of the Chinook Observer, is in the city.

A. P. Rogers, representing Blake, Mc Fall & Co., is in the city.
 Harry Finvel has returned to Portland to resume his school work.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Whipple will leave this evening for the east.
 Louis Kinkella spent yesterday in Portland. He returned at night.

Pete Mayer returned to Portland yesterday, after spending a few days in the city.
 J. K. Gamble, of the Wheeler Lumber Company, was down from Portland yesterday.

Benjamin Wise was down from Portland Sunday visiting with his brother, Herman Wise.

S. J. Baseel, a well known Chinook merchant, came over yesterday and went to Portland.

Mrs. Captain Hustler will leave today for San Jose to visit her daughter, Mrs. Spedden, for several months.

Miss Frances Thomas left last evening for St. Helen's Hall, at which institution she will be enrolled as a student.

Edward Higgins, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, has returned to his studies at the Portland academy.

Master Fish Warden Van Dusen left for Salem last evening to attend the regular monthly meeting of the state fish commission.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Donaldson and daughter, Miss Olga, came over from Chinook yesterday and went to Portland. They will spend the week there.

Deputy Fish Warden Webster was in the city Sunday. Mr. Webster is touring the state in the interests of the hatcheries. He is now at Quincy.

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